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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. : 09/925,673
Applicant(s): Masakatsu KANEKO et al.
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For : NOVEL NUCLEOSIDE AND
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES
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Examiner : Shaojia Ajiang
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INTERVIEWS BY APPLICANTS**

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S I R :

In response to the requirement that applicants provide a
statement of the substance of telephone interviews, applicants
provide the following statement:

The undersigned had a telephone interview with Mr. Elliott,
Director of Technology Center 1600 on July 3, 2006 and a
telephone interview with Supervisory Examiner Jiang on July 5,
2006.

A. Telephone Interview with Mr. Elliott

A.1. Mr. Elliott said that the above-identified application was withdrawn from issue because prosecution on the application is being reopened in view of USP 6,794,499 to Wengel et al. USP 6,794,499 was cited in applicants' INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed February 17, 2005. Mr. Elliott stated that claim 1 of the above-identified application will be rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 6,794,499 and the remaining claims will be rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over USP 6,794,499.

A.2. Mr. Elliott also said that the Examiner who previously examined the above-identified application, Mr. Owens, has left the USPTO. Mr. Elliott stated that although Supervising Examiner Jiang is presently listed as the Examiner, a different Examiner will be assigned to the above-identified application.

B. Telephone Interview with Ms. Jiang

B.1. Ms. Jiang said that she will soon assign an Examiner to this application and that an Office Action will be issued within two to three weeks.

B.2. Ms. Jiang stated that the Examiner will carry out an updated search of the prior art.

B.3. During our telephone interview with Ms. Jiang, the undersigned directed Ms. Jiang's attention to Wengel et al. USP 7,034,133, which issued from U.S. Serial No. 10/208,650.

USP 7,034,133 is discussed in the INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT that is being filed concomitantly herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard S. Barth', written over a horizontal line.

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